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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING EXTERNALLY-DEFINED

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### Dear Examiner Truong:

Thank you for your time today during the Examiner Interview. As we discussed, please find enclosed a <u>draft proposal</u> of claim amendments for your review.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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